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1. VEB Peenewerft Wolgast was, as of May 1955, working exclusively for the East German Ministry of the Interior. During the first quarter of 1955, the USSR was supposed to have delivered to Wolgast 4-mm-thick sheet metal (ST 42S) in sheets 1,500 mm x 6,000 mm, but the deliveries were not made, and the USSR has set the next delivery date as late July 1955. Despite all efforts, East German rolling mills have been unable to produce plate of this quality and these dimensions. The plate is used for a special construction program of the government which is carried out under the cover name of Krake. The Krake program calls for the construction of six torpedo boats. The first of these boats was under construction as of May 1955 and, according to the construction plan, is to be 65% completed by late December 1955. The other boats are to be delivered subsequently at the rate of one every three months.
2. Since the USSR failed to make the promised plate deliveries, it was suggested that Peenewerft Wolgast utilize smaller profiles produced in East Germany. The directorate of the Wolgast shipyard refused to do this, however, because the additional welding seams and overlaps would make the hulls of the boats too heavy.
3. In addition to the special Krake construction program, a second government order, under the code name Habicht, has been given to Peenewerft Wolgast. This is also a program for the construction of sea craft, but the type was not known.
4. At a meeting of directors held in early May 1955, it was stated that VEB Elbwerft Rosslau was also to be used exclusively for government orders from the East German Ministry of the Interior.

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